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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ALKYLIDENE COMPLEXES OF
RUTHENIUM CONTAINING N-
HETEROCYCLIC CARBENE LIGANDS; USE
AS HIGHLY ACTIVE, SELECTIVE
CATALYSTS FOR OLEFIN METATHESIS

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

SPECIFICATION

There are no amendments to the specification.

____ New paragraph presented in a separate section. Please add the following
X paragraph to the specification at page 1 after the title (see page 2 of this
____ amendment).

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Related Applications

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/647,742 filed November 27, 2000, which is a National stage (under 35 USC 371) application of PCT/EP99/01785 filed March 18, 1999, which claims benefit to German application Serial Number 198 15 275.2 filed April 6, 1998.